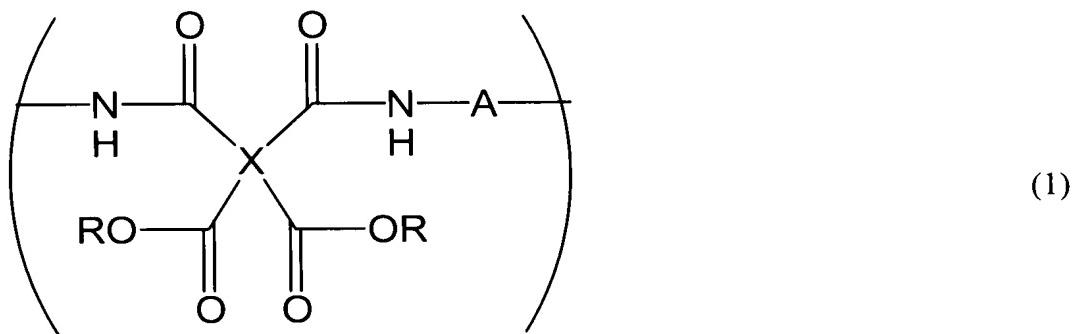


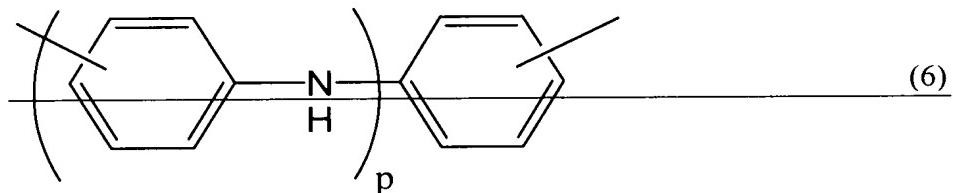
IN THE CLAIMS

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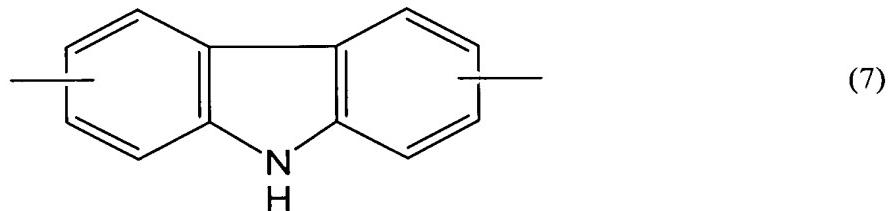
Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal aligning agent comprising a polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) and having a volume resistivity of from  $1 \times 10^{10}$  to  $1 \times 10^{14} \Omega \text{cm}$  when formed into a film, and a polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or a polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2):

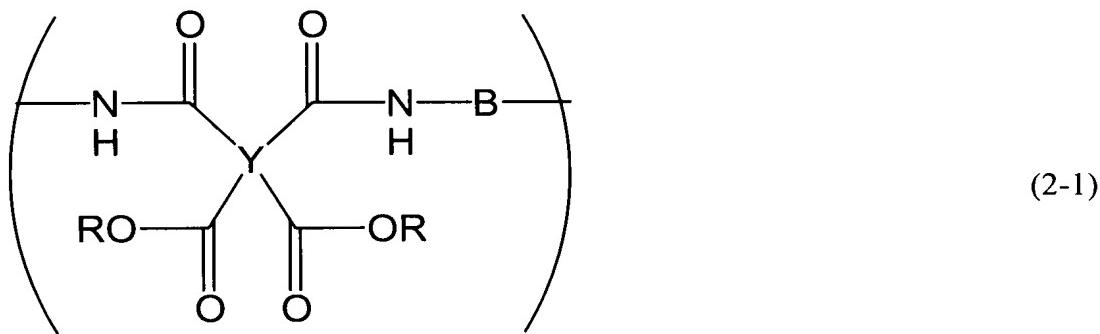


in the formula (1), R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, X represents a tetravalent organic group, and A represents a bivalent organic group, wherein from 10 to 100 mol% of A in formula (1) is a bivalent organic group having the following structure (6) or (7):

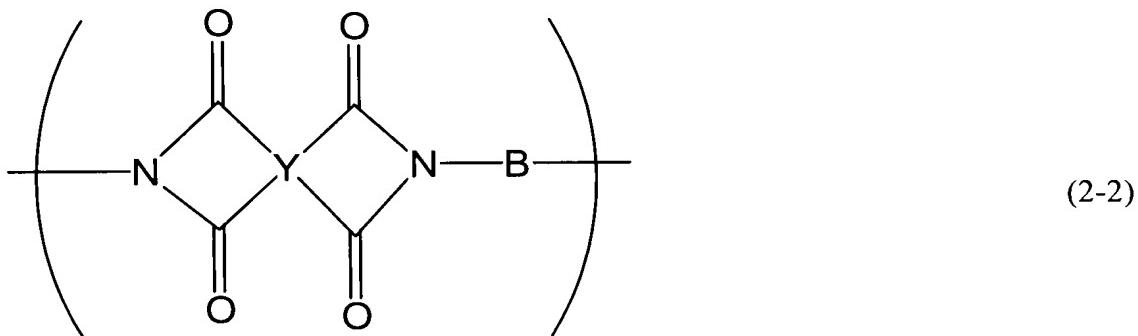


~~in the formula (6), p is an integer of from 1 to 5,~~





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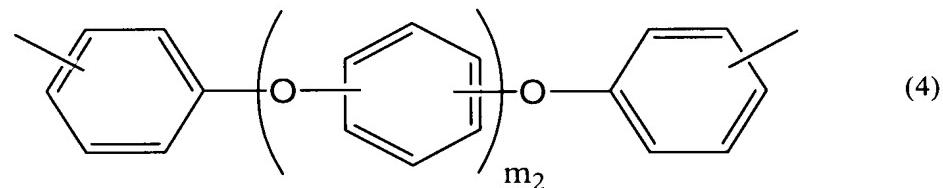
(2-2)

in the formulae (2-1) and (2-2), R represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, Y represents a tetravalent organic group, B represents a bivalent organic group, and from 10 to 100 mol% of B is a bivalent organic group having any one of the following structures (3) to (5) in its structure, or a paraphenylene group:



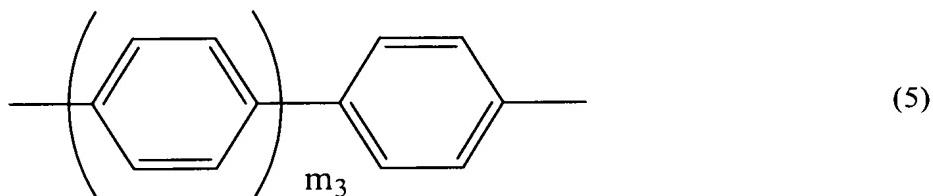
(3)

in the formula (3),  $m_1$  is an integer of from 2 to 18,



(4)

in the formula (4), one or a plurality of optional hydrogen atoms on the benzene rings may be substituted by a monovalent organic group other than a primary amino group, and  $m_2$  is an integer of from 1 to 8,



in the formula (5), one or a plurality of optional hydrogen atoms on the benzene rings may be substituted by a monovalent organic group other than a primary amino group, and  $m_3$  is an integer of from 1 to 4.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein from 20 to 100 mol% of X in the formula (1) is a tetravalent organic group having an alicyclic structure or a tetravalent organic group having an aliphatic structure.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein from 20 to 100 mol% of Y in the formula (2-1) or (2-2) is a tetravalent organic group having an aromatic structure.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 1, wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 1.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 4, wherein from 20 to 100 mol% of Y in the formula (2-1) or (2-2) is a tetravalent organic group having an aromatic structure.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 4 wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 5, wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 8, wherein the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (1) is contained in an amount of from 10 to 95 wt% based on the total amount of said polyamide precursor and the polyimide precursor having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-1) or the polyimide having a structural unit represented by the formula (2-2).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 4.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal aligning agent according to Claim 5, wherein from 10 to 100 mol% of A in the formula (1) is a bivalent organic group having a nitrogen atom.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 6.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 8.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 9.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 10.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display device obtained by using the liquid crystal aligning agent as defined in Claim 11.

Claim 19 (New): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:  
a first substrate, a second substrate, a spacer and the liquid crystal aligning agent claimed in Claim 1,

wherein the first and second substrates have liquid crystal alignment films formed on at least one surface thereof,

wherein the first substrate and the second substrate are separated by the spacer and the liquid crystal alignment films present on the surface of the substrates face one another, and

wherein the liquid crystal aligning agent is present in a space formed by the spacer between the substrates.